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New Director of Fire Protection Named

The following is a Washington State Patrol Press Release

Following a five month nationwide search, Samuel P. Pierre has been hired as the State of Washington's Fire Marshal. Pierre, 42, comes to Washington State from Lafayette, Louisiana.

"In the shadow of a post 911 society the concern for homeland security and emergency services in the great state of Washington has brought me here today," said Pierre. "I will not betray the trust that has been bestowed upon me," he added.

"I am very excited that Sam Pierre chose to come to Washington to serve as our State Fire Marshal," said WSP Chief Lowell M. Porter. "He has worked in every facet of the fire community in his career and will be an excellent voice for the fire community."

"The Fire Protection Policy Board is looking forward to a productive relationship with Mr. Pierre."

Sharon Colby, Fire Protection Policy Board Chair

Pierre was most recently the fire prevention chief for the City of Lafayette, Louisiana, where he planned, managed and conducted the city's fire prevention program, managing a budget of \$500,000.00. He has also served as a fire inspector and fire engineer. Pierre holds a master of public administration degree from Southern University and A&M College and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Involved in the selection process for this position, in addition to Chief Porter, was the Washington State Fire Protection Policy Board, the Council of Firefighters and the Firefighters' Association. "I wish to thank the fire community for providing direct input into this selection," said Chief Porter.

Sharon Colby, Chair of the Fire Protection Policy Board, advised that, "The Fire Protection Policy Board is pleased to welcome Mr. Samuel Pierre to Washington State, and to his new position of Director of Fire Protection, also known as the State Fire Marshal. Mr. Pierre has a solid background in fire service and has experience in working cooperatively with diverse groups. The Fire Protection Policy Board is looking forward to a productive relationship with Mr. Pierre."

The tenth of ten children, Pierre is the first African-American to be appointed as Washington's State Fire Marshal. He succeeds Mary Corso who resigned in May after six years of service.

2005 WFCA Board

The following individuals were elected at conference to serve on the 2005 WFCA Board of Directors.

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Dwight Vander Vorste, Grant 10

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Joe Dawson, Spokane 1

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Region 4:

Les Riel, Yakima 4

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A Message from the President *by Joan E. Miller*



In looking back at the last two years while I was your President, I like to think that I see more networking going on between fire districts and fire commissioners. I believe that I see an increase in cooperation, listening and learning.

I'm also certain that many fire commissioners are thinking about how they can be more flexible and adaptable to the changing scene of providing service to the citizens of our state. Our budgets are tighter, some of us are being asked to expand our services, and there seems to be more to the challenge of being a fire commissioner.

I am extremely proud of the service that all of you give to your community and the energy and time commitment that comes from you over and over again. I know that you give up time for other things that might just be more fun or important in order to attend fire

district meetings, read proposals and other materials. Sometimes you have had to tell family or friends that you could not do something with them because of a fire district need. You made a commitment and you really are a true public servant.

***Thank you for letting
me serve you as
President of WFCA!***

I tend to think that change is more often good rather than bad. My life has been all about change and although sometimes an event filled me with grief, there were other things about whatever change I had to go through that made me stronger, made me look at things differently and more creatively, and forced me to adapt.

At the end of this December, I will have to adapt again. I will become the immediate Past Presi-

dent of WFCA.

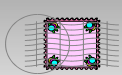
Past President Arlene Obtinario advises that it will be a bit hard to let go. She certainly knows as she was WFCA President for three years! However, having dealt with so many changes in my life, I have already begun to think about what I will do next.

Sometime in 2005, I will no longer even be a fire commissioner. The City of Edmonds will annex in the area where I live and that event may happen before my term as commissioner ends in December 2005. That will require that I make another change in my life.

My meeting schedule will be freed up, my reading time will become my own, and my home office can be cleared of clutter and piles of fire district stuff. My future time will go to other interests and activities that I have been too busy to explore in the last few years.

Yes, it will be hard to let go, but it will be a time that I won't forget. Thank you for letting me serve you as President of WFCA!

The WFCA is currently updating its records for the *2005 Washington State Fire Service Directory*. The information supplied by districts is also used to update the WFCA mailing list. Please submit changes as soon as possible by contacting the association office in one of the following ways:



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ON THE WEB...

Health care information provided at the October conference as a power point presentation is now available for download on the WFCA web site. Visit www.wfca.wa.gov and click the *Health Care Program* tag to access the material.

WFCA CONFERENCE RECAP

The 56th conference of the Washington Fire Commissioners Association was held October 21-23, 2004 at the Doubletree Hotel at SeaTac. The following is a recap of the conference.

Congratulations to the 2004 Management Excellence Award winners for their superior work. Winners include:

CATEGORY A (Budget of \$1 million plus)



1st Place:
Snohomish 1 (pictured)
2nd Place:
Cowlitz 5
3rd Place:
Pacific 1

CATEGORY B (Budget of \$500,000 - \$999,999)



1st Place:
Franklin 3 (pictured)
2nd Place:
Thurston 11
3rd Place:
Yakima 4

CATEGORY C (Budget of \$250,000 - \$499,999)



1st Place:
Skagit 13 (pictured)

CATEGORY D (Budget under \$250,000)



1st Place:
Grant 10 (pictured)
2nd Place:
Jefferson 4
3rd Place:
Jefferson 2

Honorary life membership awards were presented to commissioners who have served their district for 10 years or more. Inducted this year were: **Dewayne Smith**, Benton 2; **Dave Erickson**, Clallam 4; **Jess Bondurant, Jr.**, Jefferson 1; **Michael Whittaker**, Jefferson 2; **Cdr. Max J. Roushman, Jr.**, King 2; **Bob Cook**, King 11/N. Highline Fire Dist.; **James A. Fossos**, King 26; **Philip D. Brownlee** and **Neil D. Shenyer**, Okanogan 5; **Daniel R. Rankin**, Pierce 3; **Richard A. Coleman**, Pierce 6/Central Pierce Fire & Rescue; **Don Andrew**, Snohomish 7; **Paul Rochon** and **Katherine Smith**, Snohomish 12/Marysville Fire District; **Curtis Bry** and **Dean McReynolds**, Snohomish 12 & 20/Marysville Fire Dist.; **Malcolm Grace**

Stenlund and **Gilbert McDonel**, Snohomish 27.

Eight commissioners were given the distinguished 25-year service award, as follows: **William R. Doran** and **Richard E. Ruud**, Clallam 2; **William T. Dineen**, Grays Harbor 16; **Mick McKinley**, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue; **Carl E. Mielke**, Lincoln 5; **Neil D. Shenyer**, Okanogan 5; **John R. Alves, Jr.**, Pacific 4; and **Richard C. Wells**, Thurston 6. Congratulations to the above-listed commissioners who have served their districts so many years.

The association would like to thank the following individuals and companies for their contributions to the conference—your efforts and support helped make the conference possible.

Dr. Eric Allenbaugh, **Julie Amos**, **Frank Chmelik**, **Kelly Collins**, **Bill Cushman**, **Larry Halvorson**, **Peter Hamilton**, **Chuck King**, **Jack Snook**, **Tom Treves** and **Barbara Wills** for offering their time and expertise as instructors.

Bob Cook, Conference Host Committee Chair, and the fire commissioners of **King**, **Pierce** and **Snohomish Counties** who worked so hard on the welcoming reception and opening ceremonies. From the hospitality to the memorial service, you all did a great job!

Chmelik, Sitkin & Davis, **L. N. Curtis & Sons**, **Marsh USA**, **Rice Fergus Miller Architecture & Planning** and **TCA Architecture Planning, Inc.**, for sponsoring refreshment breaks which help fund the WFCA educational grant program.

Bill Baldwin, President of **Baldwin Resource Group**, for his generous presentation of \$1,000 to benefit the WFCA educational grant program.

Jack Hensley for his hard work on behalf of the raffle that supports the WFCA legislative program.

Commissioners (and Chief) **Stan Baker**, **Ben Cavalli, Jr.**, **Sharon Colby**, **Linn "Penny" Dollar, Jr.**, **William Hansen**, **Paul McBride**, **Joan Miller**, **Vern Ohm**, **Dan Rankin**, **Richard Small** and **Miland Walling** for their assistance and service at conference as presenters, speakers and/or helpers.

Kim Burrus, **Carmy Buttice**, **Carol Getchman**, **Lois Hensley**, **Kathy McNulty** and **Barb Campbell** for their work on behalf of the Silent Auction & Raffle to benefit the Harborview Burn Center. These individuals donate many hours to set up and monitor items and always in a fun and friendly way!

Thank you to all of the individuals and districts who donated items to the Silent Auction AND those who participated in the bidding.

See you at next year's conference at the Spokane Red Lion Hotel at the Park! Conference dates are Thursday, October 20 through Saturday, October 22; the Snure Seminar is scheduled for Wed., October 19.



Northwest Leadership Seminar Set

This year, the Northwest Management Seminar will be transitioning to the *Northwest Leadership Seminar*. A gradual transition from thinking in terms of management to leadership has inspired NWMS to change its name to reflect this growth.

Now is the time to mark your planner for the 2005 Northwest Leadership Seminar being held **March 2, 3 & 4, 2005** at the Doubletree Inn/Jantzen Beach, in Portland (909 Hayden Island Dr., Portland, OR 97217).

The theme of this year's seminar is *Navigating Change - It's Your Ship*.

For more details on the seminar, visit www.nwms.net or call 503.838.2309. For room reservations at the Jantzen Beach facility, call 1.800.222.8733 or 1.503.283.4466.



COMING UP...

The WFCA is currently working on educational opportunities for its members—look for more information in the coming weeks regarding the following programs:

- ◇ The **2005 WFCA/WSAFC Legislative Workshop & Reception** will be held **Thursday, February 10**, at St. Martin's College (Worthington Conference Center) in Lacey, Washington. Prior to the end of December, information will be mailed to WFCA members and will be available on the WFCA web site at www.wfca.wa.gov (click on "Register on Line").
- ◇ The WFCA **2005 Saturday Seminar Series** brochure outlining class topics and locations will be mailed to members in January. Workshops will take place at the Quinault Beach Resort in Ocean Shores (on April 30), Campbell's Resort in Chelan (on June 4), and in the Tri-Cities (date TBA). More information will be published in future editions of *Fireline* and will be posted on the WFCA website (www.wfca.wa.gov).

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REGIONAL DIRECTORS (continued)

Region 6:

Mark Thompson, Federal Way Fire Department/King 39

Region 8:

Keith Merritt, Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue

These individuals join existing WFCA Board Directors **Sharon Colby**, Spokane 3 (Region 1); **Dennis Bjork**, Grant 5 (Region 3); **Steve Lich**, Camano Island Fire & Rescue/Island 1 (Region 5); **Robert Skaggs**, Graham Fire & Rescue/Pierce 21 (Region 7); and **Leon Thomas**, North Kitsap Fire & Rescue/Kitsap 10 (Region 9).

Congratulations to those elected to the 2005 WFCA Board of Directors! (For the 2005 Board meeting dates, check out the WFCA website at www.wfca.wa.gov and click on *Calendar of Events* tab.)

Ads

FOR SALE by Duvall/King 45: Dist has declared the following surplus & for sale: Two '86 Ford E-350 Modular Type 3 Ambulances, orig mi 25,297 & 30,849 respectively. Sale "where is, as is" w/no warranties expressed/implied. All offers @ or above \$2,500 per unit will be considered; however, Board of Comm reserves right to accept/reject any/all offers. Sealed bids accepted until 5 pm, 12/17/04. Direct inquires to Capt Ken Burnside @ 425.788.1625. Mail bids to Duvall/King 45, PO Box 338, Duvall WA 98019. Mark "Aid Car Bid" on the reverse side of envelope.

FOR SALE by Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue: Dist has declared the following equipment surplus and avail for sale:

MSA 2216 Low pressure SCBA's. Approx 60 fully equipped MSA 2216 low pressure SCBA's. Units incl Dragonfly pass device, quick fill adapter, 1/4 turn MMR & composite bottles w/mfg dates of 94, 95 & 96. Purchase price of \$300 incl complete SCBA w/bottle & spare bottle. Limited amt of Ultra Elite air mask will be incl w/ea complete unit sold until supply is exhausted.

Mako SCBA Air Compressor. '78 Mako SCBA Air Compressor, model #KA7E3H, serial #930462107, rated at 7cfm, placed in svc 6/79 & has been maint twice a yr. Maint & svc records avail upon request. Compressor priced at \$700.00.

Special Note: The Mako compressor, if not sold by 12/31/04, will be donated to Emerg Svcs Provider thru letter of need process. Any dept in need of this unit that cannot afford it is encouraged to submit a ltr stating need & intended use of this machine by close of business on 1/8/05. Award of this unit will be made by Board of Comm during 1/05 mtg. Agency awarded unit is responsible for all shipping & handling. Submit letters to Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, 5300 NW Newberry Hill Rd, Silverdale, WA 98383, ATTN: Asst Chief Roy Lusk.

All sales as is, where is w/no warr expressed/implied. All offers considered w/right to accept/reject any/all offers when deemed in best interest of district. Purchaser is responsible for shipping cost of all items. For more info or pictures of the compressor or SCBA's, contact Larry Miller at 360.377.4744.

FOR SALE by Monroe Fire District 3: Dist accepting bids for the sale of the following:

- Surplus '76 Seagrave/Western States Custom Fire Pumper, 1250 GPM Intracab pump & a 1000 gal tank. Bid must be in sealed envelope marked **Surplus 1976 Fire Engine Bid**. No min bid amt has been set for this apparatus.

- Surplus '85 Ford LTD 4-door Sedan, 153,000 mi. Bid must be in sealed envelope marked **Surplus 1985 Ford LTD Bid**. No min bid amt has been set for this apparatus.

- Surplus '90 Ford E-350 Road Rescue Ambulance; 152,198 mi; 7.3L Dies Eng. Bid must be in sealed envelope marked **Surplus 1990 Ambulance Bid**. No min bid amt has been set for this apparatus

- Surplus Bauer VT-17 4500 p.s.i. Breathing Air Compressor; 615 hrs. Bid must be in sealed envelope marked **Surplus Bauer Compressor Bid**. Min bid amount set at \$5,000.

- Surplus Bauer CFS-3S 3-position, containment type S.C.B.A. bottle fill station. Bid must be in sealed envelope marked **Surplus Bauer Fill Station Bid**. Min bid amount has been set at \$2,000.

- 8 bottle surplus 4,500 DOT type Compressed Air Storage rack system; incl all associated plumbing, brackets & valves; bottles hydro tested once in '00. Bid must be in sealed envelope marked **Surplus Air Storage Rack System Bid**. Min bid amount set at \$2,000.

- 2 spare 4,500 DOT type Compressed Air Storage bottles; bottles not hydro tested & were purchased new in '00. Bid must be in sealed envelope marked **Surplus Spare Bottle Bid**. No min bid amt has been set for this equipment.

- 51 ISI Magnum, low-pressure SCBA units; masks incl for ea unit. Bid must be in sealed envelope marked **Surplus ISI SCBA Bid**. No min bid amt has been set for this equipment.

- 142 30-min, low-pressure SCBA bottles; bottles are Survivair & ISI brand of various ages & hydro status. Bid must be in sealed envelope marked **Surplus SCBA Bottle Bid**. No min bid amt has been set for this equipment.

District reserves right to reject any/all bids & is not strictly obligated to accept high bids. For info on the above equip (vehicle or unit specs and/or pictures), send email to Steveeg@monroefire3.org. Questions regarding this equipment may be directed to Deputy Chief Steve Guptill at 360.794.7666. All bids must be received no later than 13:00 hours on 1/7/05.

FREE to WA State Fire Agency with a Need by Snohomish 28: '69 American LaFrance pumper. Runs well, but needs work. For more info or to view apparatus, contact Lt Walters at 360.793.0866. To submit a request for the apparatus, send narrative describing need and willingness to utilize apparatus to: Chief Fitzgerald, Snohomish Co Fire District 28, PO Box 64, Index, WA 98256.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY by Snohomish 8: Fire Chief; reports directly to Board of Comm. Dept serves 32,000 pop, 46 sq mi, budget \$4.3M+. Dist provides suppr, rescue & ALS/BLS emerg med'l & prev svcs from 3 stations, 30 career, 31 part-pd & an admin staff that incl 3 dep chiefs, 1 admin asst & 1 ofc asst. Qual incl: AA in fire science, business/related field w/BA highly preferred; 15 yrs prog respons, full-time, pd exper in fire svc @ 1st 5 of which is command-lvl (Batt Chief/higher); completion/enrolled in upper-lvl mgmt/superv courses; exper wking w/unions; devel, mgmt & deliv of trng prog desirable; EMS prog deliv & mgmt @ the ALS lvl; wking w/vol & part-pd FF; must hold or obtain, WDL; pass dist's med'l req & bckgrnd invest; reside w/i dist. Demonstrated exper/skills incl: proven, proactive, innovative leader & mgr of personnel & programs; emerg commun tech & practices; emerg/disaster planning & response; incident command; fire prev & pub ed; computer literacy; budget prep & admin; use of modern FF/EMS equip & tech; equip/facility maint; planning & goal setting; success wking w/a council/board, community groups & indiv, employees & other depts & governmental & private entities; knowledge of current laws, codes, regs & mandates; high lvl of motiv & ldrship ability incl conflict res, decision-making, teambldg, forming & nurturing partnerships, delegation, ofcr development & interpersonal relations; high lvl of written & oral communication skills; knowledge of & exper in personnel rules & practices which incl labor contract negot & mgmt, labor rel, hiring, discipline, etc; & a proven high lvl of integrity & dedication. Salary \$92-102,000 DOQ + ben. For recruit pkg/add'l info contact Emerg Svcs Employment Agency @ 800.757.3724 / fax 503.570.0522 / Email esciinfo@aol.com. All materials avail for download at www.esci.us. Application deadline is 12/16/04.

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